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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Spremberg 25X1

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 28 April 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. On 22 March 1952, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg (O 52/A 54), north of the road to Forst, was occupied to capacity by 800 to 1,100 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Five T-34/85 tanks and 4 JS-3 tanks were parked in the barracks yard. During the weeks preceding 22 March, details of 4 or 5 tanks were rotated to the Weisswasser (O 52/A 74) troop training grounds for combat firing practice lasting 2 to 4 days. The tanks left by rail and road. From 25 to 30 trucks, [REDACTED] were lined up for inspection in the barracks yard. Vehicles [REDACTED] drove into the billeting area. 25X1

2. On 25 March, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne was occupied to capacity by 300 to 1,200 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Five JS tanks and 1 SU-249 SP gun stood in front of a garage. Troops were engaged in record firing practice with rifles, light and heavy machine guns at the target range. Fifty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying submachine guns launched a practice attack supported by a SU-249 SP gun in the adjacent woods. Six uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia were noticed in front of the barracks installation. [REDACTED] 25X1

* [REDACTED] Comment. The report tends to indicate that, except for tank details practicing at Weisswasser, the 30th Cds Lv Tank SP Regt of the 9th Mecz Div was still at the post by the end of March 1952. [REDACTED] 25X1

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